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SOCIETY AFFAIRS

MINNESOTA SECTION

At the tenth meeting of the Minnesota Section in Minneapolis on November 4, 1921, the resolution was passed authorizing the Section to hold its next meeting at the same time and place as the meeting of the League of Minnesota Municipalities.

The League of Minnesota Municipalities is an organization which has a membership comprised of 173 municipalities in the state of Minnesota. These municipalities are represented at the meetings by various local officials designated by them.

Shortly after the meeting on November 4, it was decided that this joint meeting should be held at Crookston, Minn. The purpose of holding this meeting at the same time as that of the League of Minnesota Municipalities was to familiarize municipal officials with the work of the American Water Works Association.

The program of the meeting was arranged with the purpose of providing papers and discussions of interest both to our members and to the municipal officials.

Mr. L. I. Birdsall, Chairman of the Section, in his opening address outlined carefully the purpose of the American Water Works Association and its Sections. He drew the attention of the municipal officials to the advantages obtained from membership in the organization and urged that they obtain memberships for their water works superintendents. He outlined the accomplishments of the Minnesota Section up to the present time and offered suggestions for its future development.

Business Meeting

(a) *Committee on Membership:* Mr. A. F. Mellen, Chairman. This Committee presented a detailed report which showed that there were at present 48 active members and 1 corporate member, making a total of 49 members in the Minnesota Section on June 21, 1922. Attention was drawn to the fact that from April 1, 1921 to April 1, 1922 the Section had lost 10 members, 1 by death,

1 by resignation and 8 that had been dropped for non-payment of dues. These members have been replaced and 1 additional member added to the Section, making an increase in membership of one over that existing on April 1, 1921.

(b) *Committee on Publicity*: Mr. L. I. Birdsall, Chairman. This Committee had been active during the year and had made arrangements with the United States Public Health Service to provide copies of sanitary engineering abstracts to various members of the Section.

(c) *Place of next meeting*: The next meeting of the Section is to be held either in Minneapolis or St. Paul, at the same time as the joint meeting of the State Health Organizations. It was the opinion of many members of the Section that the plan of holding meetings at the same time and place as other organizations is distinctly advantageous, since it brings many persons in contact with the work and aims of the American Water Works Association.

(d) *Election of Officers*: The following were elected for the coming year: Chairman, J. W. Kelsey, General Superintendent, Bureau of Water, St. Paul, Minn.; Vice-Chairman, H. A. Whittaker, Director Division of Sanitation, Minnesota State Board of Health, Minneapolis, Minn.; Secretary-Treasurer, A. F. Mellen, Assistant Superintendent Water Purification Division, Water Works Department, Minneapolis, Minn.; Trustees, Charles Foster, Consulting Engineer, 512 Sellwood Building, Duluth, Minn. (to serve for three years); A. D. Horne, Supt. Water & Light Commission, Fairmont, Minn. (to serve for three years); C. M. Crowley, Water Registrar, Bureau of Water, 25 East 5th Street, St. Paul, Minn. (term expires in 1923).

The papers were of unusual interest, since all of them, dealing with water works problems, were of a practical nature. There was much discussion on the papers presented. These were as follows:

Safety Work Applied to Water Works, by George Martinson, Range Safety Inspector, Pickands-Mather & Co., Hibbing, Minn.

Details of Water Works Construction, by H. P. Wolff, Consulting Engineer, St. Paul, Minn.

Sane Finance for Water Works, by R. M. Goodrich, Executive Secretary, Taxpayers League, Duluth, Minn.

The Small Municipal Filtration Plant, by J. A. Childs, Engineer, Division of Sanitation, State Board of Health, Minneapolis, Minn.
Water Supplies Obtained from Iron Ore Mines, by Ole Forsberg, Oliver Mining Co., Hibbing, Minn.

Joint Meeting with the League of Minnesota Municipalities

During the latter part of the afternoon the members of the Section met with the League and entered into discussion of two of the League's committee reports, namely, Sanitation and Water Supply. This joint meeting appeared to be much appreciated by the members of the League and of our Section.

The city of Crookston is to be complimented on the entertainment provided for the guests of both organizations.

The meeting was attended by 36 members and guests in the forenoon and 50 members and guests during the afternoon. The total persons in attendance at the meeting of the Minnesota Section and the League of Minnesota Municipalities was about 225.